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In Re Application of : August 30, 2004  
E.M. Hamann, et al : Group Art No.: 2131  
Serial No. 09/492,632 : Examiner: Ahmedur Ali  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time for response for a period of two months. The period for response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2004 for the above-identified patent application will now expire on August 30, 2004, since the 29th of August fell on a Sunday. A check in the amount of \$420.00 is enclosed for the two month extension.

Respectfully submitted,  
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